OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Phoenix Police Department's "Area Manager" Concept

Nominated by: Kevin Robinson, Assistant Police Chief

Under the direction of Chief Harold Hurtt, the Phoenix Police Department implemented the "Area Manager" concept. Lieutenants within a precinct are assigned to a geographical area to act as Area Managers. With this new concept, a different approach to policing was used to combat the problem of homelessness in the area surrounding the homeless shelter at 1209 W. Madison.

Officers from the South Mountain Precinct outlined a problem solving approach that was titled "Choices on Madison." Officers partnered with the community, on how best to proceed. Drugs, Violent Crime and Blight were identified as the top three problems plaguing this shelter area.

Joint undercover drug enforcement programs were utilized in conjunction with Adult Probation, Capitol PD, the County Attorney's Office and the City Prosecutor's Office. Various city departments including City Zoning and Human Services Department helped in organizing clean-ups of the area and enforcing zoning violations. Officers received mental health training to deal with the severely mentally ill that are found to frequent the area.

To date there has been an 11 percent decrease in violent crime within the shelter area and we don't intend to stop now.

Members

South Mountain Precinct Commander

Emmett H. Quill, Commander
Unit Commander
Mark Tallman, Lieutenant

40Z Walking Beat Squad:

Lee Shaw, Sergeant
Jesse Martinez Jr., Officer
Tadd Cline, Officer
Ben Ernyei, Officer
Wade Niver, Officer
Chad Howard, Officer
Tobi Boyle, Officer
Kevin Priniski, Officer
Jeff Fields, Officer

41Z Walking Beat Squad:

Jennifer LaRoque, Sergeant Sean Hall, Officer Dottie Conroy, Officer Travis Myers, Officer Liz Rangel, Officer Eric Cosgriff, Officer Jose Garcia, Officer Robert Knapp III, Officer

Night Shift Patrol:

Tracy Montgomery, Lieutenant Steve Landry, Sergeant Aaron Thomas, Sergeant Paul Kim, Officer

Maricopa County Slumlord Task Force

Nominated by: Harold L. Hurtt, Chief, Phoenix Police Department

Formed in 1998, the Slumlord Task Force is dedicated to combating slum conditions throughout Maricopa County. Through intergovernmental partnerships, the Task Force is able to target problem properties, while providing outreach and educational programs to willing participants. Although the primary objective of the Slumlord Task Force is to encourage property owners to voluntary comply with state and local laws, the Task Force is equipped with an enforcement component. Additionally, other state and local agencies are provided with training and information on a proactive basis. By performing these functions, the Slumlord Task Force has been able to positively impact troubled rental properties in Arizona by reducing crime and blight in communities.

Members

Richard Romley, Maricopa County Attorney Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Jana Sorensen, Deputy County Attorney Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Carolyn Murphy, Deputy County Attorney Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Gary Michael, Investigator Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Phil Gordon, Phoenix City Council District 4

Leigh Richards-Fry City Council Assistant District 4

T.J. Martin, Lieutenant Phoenix Police Department

Daniel W. Elting, Detective Phoenix Police Department

Daenon Brewer, Inspector Maricopa County Environmental Services

Darcy Brondt, Inspector Maricopa County Environmental Services Aaron Carreon-Ainsa Deputy City Prosecutor

Jo Ellen McBride Assistant City Prosecutor III

Brian Rock Assistant City Prosecutor III

Daniel Drake, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney United States Attorney's Office

George Black, Community Builder Housing and Urban Development

Karen Barnett, Community Builder Housing and Urban Development

Tammy Perkins, Director Neighborhood Services Department

Erynn Crowley, Deputy Director Neighborhood Services Department

Brent Cagle, Management Assistant 1 Neighborhood Services Department

> William Hermann, Reporter Arizona Republic Newspaper

"Operation Spotlight Team"

Nominated by: Don R. Stiles, Chief Probation Officer, Pima County Superior Court

The Operation Spotlight Team is unique in Community Policing. For the first time a comprehensive and innovative approach to managing at-risk offenders by the community and law enforcement is making it's mark. The ability to communicate effectively and to respond to the needs of the community as indicated by the previous examples clearly shows that law enforcement and community corrections can work together. The highlights of this project are:

- C Team work
- C Effective Communication, and
- C Service and Accountability to the Community.

The entire Operation Spotlight Team should be awarded for their outstanding commitment to making a positive change in the supervision of offenders and their response to the needs of the community.

Members

Adult Probation Department Superior Court in Pima County

Ron Dominguez, Director Cecil Argue, Probation Officer Bill Castaneda, Probation Officer Sandi Horen, Sr. Probation Officer-IPS Gerald Hudy, Surveillance Officer-IPS Kathy Martinez, Sr. Probation Officer Peggy McCarthy, Sr, Probation Officer-IPS Reuben Robles, Sr. Surveillance Officer-IPS

Pima County Juvenile Probation Dept.

Marsha Bennett, Lead Probation Officer
Paula Betts, Lead Probation Officer-IPS
Ray Figueroa, Surveillance Officer
Gus Markes, Probation Officer-IPS
Melissa Mariscal, Probation Officer
Christopher Prinz, Surveillance Officer-IPS
Melissa Wach, Probation Officer
Cheryl Walker, Probation Officer

Pima County Attorney's Office

Christine Curtis, Deputy County Attorney

South Tucson Police Department

Sixto Molina, Chief of Police Sharon Martinez, Lieutenant Ed Hutchinson, Sergeant Mark Brown, Officer

Arizona Department of Corrections Adult Parole - South

Michael Melby, Parole Officer Gil Scogin, Parole Officer

Arizona Department of Corrections Adult Parole - West

Angela Wilson, Parole Officer

Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Parole

Howard Williams, Parole Officer

Kino Coalition

Susan Moreno, President

Cochise Disrupt/Deny Unit U.S. Border Patrol, Tucson Sector

Nominated by: Carlos X. Carrillo, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent, Border Patrol

Chief Patrol Agent David V. Aguilar established the Cochise Disrupt/Deny Unit to combat alien smuggling within the City of Douglas, Arizona. The Unit's mission was to disrupt alien smuggling and deny the use of the City as a smuggling transportation hub by alien smugglers. The Mayor of Douglas, Arizona pledged the full support of the City's resources to identify the owners of residences utilized as alien smuggling "stash houses" and employ relevant City health, fire and safety ordinances to discourage such activity.

Surveillance and smuggling group infiltration methods employed by plain clothes Border Patrol Agents, began in November of 1999, made immediate impact on alien guides, "stash house" operators and smuggling drivers. Throughout the course of several months, members of the Cochise Disrupt/Deny Unit became involved in hundreds of arrests leading to prosecution, and identification of over two hundred "stash houses" in the City of Douglas.

The stellar efforts of the City of Douglas and the Border Patrol's Cochise Disrupt/Deny Unit have resulted in 61 prosecutable alien smuggling cases, the arrest of over 200 defendants, the arrest of 3,404 smuggled aliens in "stash houses", the arrest of 407 smuggled aliens in hotels, the arrest of 5,711 illegal aliens en route to "stash houses", the seizure of 123 smuggling vehicles, and 12 narcotics arrests involving 1,483 pounds of marijuana.

As a result of collective community and law enforcement efforts, the "quality of life" in Douglas, Arizona has been greatly improved.

Members

U.S. Border Patrol

Clint Stoddard, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent
Carla Provost, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent
Sylvia Orozco, Senior Patrol Agent
Ali Berisha, Senior Patrol Agent
Frank Burrola, Senior Patrol Agent
Ulysses Duronslet, Border Patrol Agent
Nicolas D. Chavez, Border Patrol Agent
Oscar Galarza, Border Patrol Agent
Diana Guadarrama, Border Patrol Agent
Alfredo Rubio, Border Patrol Agent
Michael Bishop, Border Patrol Agent
Steven Stuckey, Border Patrol Agent
Javier Diaz, Border Patrol Agent
Tim Beckley, Border Patrol Agent
James Cabansag, Border Patrol Agent

City of Douglas, Arizona

Yuma County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Administration/Yuma Resident Office Methamphetamine Enforcement Team

Nominated by: Robert S. Hernandez, Resident Agent in Charge, DEA/Yuma Resident Office

Yuma County Sheriff's Office/Methamphetamine Enforcement Team is comprised of a Watch Commander, two (2) deputies and five (5) DEA Special Agents. The major goal of this team is to identify individuals who are distributing methamphetamine and then initiating investigations into those traffickers in an attempt to gain prosecutable evidence against the traffickers. The Methamphetamine Enforcement Team, with a limited amount of manpower and budget, has made a significant impact into the Yuma communities in which it serves.

The presence of the MET team members in the community has lead to a decrease in methamphetamine use, as well as methamphetamine distribution organizations in the Yuma County area.

Members

Yuma County Sheriff's Office

James Schroeder, Bureau Commander Richard L. Meraz, Investigator Mark Martinez, Investigator

Drug Enforcement Administration Yuma Resident Office

Anthony Anglada, Special Agent Michael Cabral, Special Agent John Dalesandro, Special Agent James Gomez, Special Agent Rudy Maldonado, Special Agent

EXCELLENCE

IN

COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT

BY A

GROUP OR TASK FORCE

HIDTA Metro Intelligence Support and Technical Center (MISTIC)

Nominated by: Roger Taylor, Group Supervisor, DEA/Phoenix Division

In July 1999, the Phoenix Police Department Drug Enforcement Bureau (DEB) initiated an undercover investigation into the distribution of Ecstasy (MDMA) at "Rave" clubs and parties in the greater Phoenix Metropolitan area. Information developed by DEB during the investigation identified Mike PAPA as a major local Ecstasy Source of Supply. In early December 1999, U.S. Customs intercepted several thousand ecstasy pills, which confirmed PAPA, and other co-conspirators were distributing large quantities of ecstasy in Phoenix. Subsequently, the Phoenix Police Department DEB, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and U.S. Customs combined intelligence to further the investigation.

Information developed by investigators determined that PAPA's distribution organization was being mastermind by known Mafia hitman Sammy GRAVANO aka "Sammy the Bull" (GRAVANO was the underboss to John GOTTI of the New York Gambino Family organization and has admitted to 19 murders). On December 22, 1999, a joint Title III investigation was initiated by the HIDTA Metro Intelligence Support and Technical Center (MISTIC) to dismantle the organization. The combined effort by all of the agencies and investigators listed above resulted in the total dismantlement of the PAPA/GRAVANO organization, to include the arrest of GRAVANO, PAPA and 70 other co-conspirators. In summary, the success of this investigation can be directly attributed to the 62 law enforcement and prosecution personnel (8 agencies) who worked as a team and participated in this investigation.

Members

Phoenix Police Department Drug Enforcement Bureau

Ken Tims, Commander Dave Faulkner, Lieutenant Al Thiele, Lieutenant Jim Cope, Sergeant Dan Jaramillo, Sergeant Ron Sterrett, Detective Bruce Myers, Detective Oscar Castillo, Detective Grace Vitelli, Detective Chuck Browder, Detective Joseph Lanzo, Detective Rose Choulet, Detective Chris Jensen. Detective Bill Reynolds, Detective Nick Wubker, Detective Frank Pina, Detective Rich Lebel, Detective Matt Shay, Detective Lori Bell, Detective Bob Pitts, Detective Travis Bird. Detective

Phoenix Police Department

Drug Enforcement Bureau (cont'd)

Chuck Blalock, Detective James Gibbs, Detective Tim Taylor, Detective Jeff Redmon, Detective

Phoenix Police Department Special Projects

Matt Hoffman, Detective Sam Uptegrove, Detective

Phoenix Police Department Organized Crime Bureau

John Shamley, Sergeant Don White, Detective Rich Wooten, Detective Stew Crawford, Detective Santiago Maldonado, Detective

HIDTA Metro Intelligence Support and Technical Center (MISTIC) (continued)

Drug Enforcement Administration - Phoenix

John B. Albano, Asst. Special Agent in Charge Roger Taylor, Supervisory Special Agent Sheila Lyons, Special Agent Pat Campbell, Special Agent Melissa Hatton, Special Agent Shannon Scheel, Special Agent Chris Wilson, Task Force Special Agent Russ Rader, Task Force Special Agent Rich Dow, Task Force Special Agent Angelo Calderone, Task Force Special Agent Larry Landers, Task Force Special Agent Eric Moore, Technical Support Officer

U.S. Customs - Phoenix

John Whinery, Special Agent Sjon Shavers, Special Agent

Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms -Phoenix

Thomas Gehlert, Special Agent

Gilbert Police Department

Terry Burchett, Special Crime Unit Detective

Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force (JCNTF)

Chris Chelone, Sergeant Steve Manginelli, Sergeant Rosales Sergio, Sergeant

Arizona Department of Public Safety - Narcotics

Manny Flores, Sergeant Scott Ruetter, Detective Paul Lauko, Detective Fred Arias, Detective Mike Livingston, Detective Paul Sennett, Detective Maria Flores, Detective Kevin Jax, Detective Shawn Wood, Sergeant

Arizona Attorney General

Don Conrad, Assistant Attorney General Jeff Myers. Assistant Attorney General Joe Duarte. Assistant Attorney General

Violent Street Gang Task Force

Nominated by: Harold L. Hurtt, Chief, Phoenix Police Department

In July of 1999, The FBI Violent Street Gang Task Force initiated an investigation (coded "Operation Sundown,") into the activities of the New Mexican Mafia. While utilizing sophisticated investigative techniques, they discovered that the New Mexican Mafia was responsible for the major distribution of narcotics and dangerous drugs, trafficking and distribution of stolen vehicles and weapons, money laundering, and an array of other criminal activity. This investigation linked the New Mexican Mafia to another major Crime Organization, as proverbial partners in crime. It is also believed that these two organizations may possibly be responsible for 20 homicides in the past two years. This investigation was concluded on February 23, 2000, with a final search warrant round up on fifteen criminal enterprise locations located valley wide.

"Operation Sundown" resulted in a total of 90 arrests, 131 major felony charges, a seizure of 20 ounces of heroin, 1000 pounds of marijuana, 3 pounds of methamphetimine, \$50,000 in U.S. currency, 40 weapons (some believed to have been used in homicides,) several vehicles, 2 houses, and 1 business. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the FBI Violent Street Gang Task Force, two extremely dangerous criminal enterprises have been dismantled.

Nominated by: Gary Phelps, Chief of Staff, Arizona Department of Corrections

In November, 1998, the Violent Street Gang Task Force uncovered and thwarted a plot to assassinate Corrections Director Terry Stewart while he ate lunch at a downtown Phoenix restaurant, or to kidnap and murder an ADC employee. The gang wanted relief from a Department of Corrections policy that identified and isolated gang members. The policy was having a major impact on their activities.

It was further learned that the New EME's activities were a direct threat to the community in the areas of murder, robbery, narcotics, and the extortion of family members of inmates still in prison. They used smaller Hispanic street gangs to assist them in their criminal endeavors, and to funnel narcotics into the prisons. Thus, the criminal enterprise known previously as the New Mexican Mafia prison gang, was now considered to be an organized and powerful street gang.

In February, 2000, the task force developed a substantial case against numerous members and associates of the New EME for "operating a criminal enterprise." Dozens of them were arrested and charged. The ongoing investigation, thus far, has resulted in 34 indictments, 17 search warrants, and the recovery of substantial amounts of evidence, cash, and narcotics. Further, the investigation has developed new investigative leads into a number of unsolved murders.

According to Phoenix Police Chief Harold Hurtt, a 30 per cent decline in the homicide rate in Phoenix is a direct result of the February round up of New Mexican Mafia members.

Violent Street Gang Task Force (continued)

Nominated by: Guadalupe Gonzales, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Formed in May 1994, as a cooperative effort involving five Special Agents (SAs) from the FBI and three officers from the Phoenix Police Department, the Violent Street Gang Task Force (VSGTF) has grown into a multi-agency task force currently involving one FBI Supervisory SA, six FBI SAs, and nine officers from six separate law enforcement agencies. The mission of the VSGTF is to identify the most violent criminal street gangs in the Phoenix metropolitan area, and through the use of the "Enterprise Theory" of investigation, to disrupt the operations and dismantle the leadership structure of those gangs.

Since its inception in 1994, the VSGTF has used a wide variety of sophisticated investigative techniques such as undercover operations, Title III wiretaps, and technical installations to achieve successful results.

Members

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Kenneth R. Porter, Supervisory Special Agent
Joe L. Gordwin Jr., Special Agent
Steven M. Smith, Special Agent
Brian R. Taylor, Special Agent
Kevin R. McBrien, Special Agent
Jill Cumbey-Stillman, Special Agent
Adam Angst, Special Agent
Daphne P. Tanguay, Administrative Assistant

Phoenix Police Department Organized Crime Bureau

A. J. Edmondson, Lieutenant
Alex Berezow, Sergeant
Robert R. Arce, Detective
Clint Davis, Detective
Joe S. Granieri, Detective
Michael Maya, Detective
Gordon T. Penberthy, Detective
Armando Saldate III, Detective
Brent W. Wise, Detective

Arizona State Department of Corrections

Eric Amato
Humberto Preciado, Parole Supervisor
Todd Gerrish, Investigator
Rick Watson

Phoenix Police Department Drug Enforcement Bureau

Andy Hill, Sergeant
Steve Blasko, Detective
Chuck Browder, Detective
Jeff Brown, Detective
Joe Lanzo, Detective
Bruce Myers, Detective
Ray Nejo, Detective
Art Ramos, Detective
Ron Sterrett, Detective
George Tellez, Detective
David Toledo, Detective
Johnny Vasquez, Detective

Violent Street Gang Task Force (continued)

Phoenix Police Department Special Projects

Matt Hoffman, Detective Sam Uptegrove, Detective

Department of Public Safety

Robert Holley, Sergeant
David J. Platt, Detective
Ken Nelson, Detective
Vern Alley, Detective
Brian Marston, Detective
Jeff White, Detective
Paul Forch, Detective
Sean Armentrout, Detective
Ed Sharpensteen, Detective

Mesa Police Department

Karl Bentz, Lieutenant
Bruce Jones, Sergeant
Matt Browning, Detective
Ed Ulibarri, Detective
Michael S. Beaton, Detective
Brian Daw, Detective
Brad Christensen, Detective
Richard Hamilton, Detective
David Holden, Detective

Maricopa County Attorney's Office

William K. Culbertson, Attorney
James Rizer, Attorney
Deborah Schumacher, Attorney
Vicki Kratovil, Attorney
Joseph Soto, Investigator
Dale Roberts, Investigator
Joseph Hollenbeck, Investigator

Southern Arizona Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team

Nominated by: Ralph Diaz, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI/Tucson

The Southern Arizona Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team is a multi-jurisdictional, multiagency task force that was established to coordinate and lead investigative efforts in Southern Arizona pertaining to online child sexual exploitation. Operational since February 2000, the SAFE team has opened more than two dozen Arizona cases and has developed probable cause for arrests in thirty-five other cases which have been referred to other investigative agencies throughout the United States and in eight foreign countries. Currently, the SAFE Team is comprised of personnel from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Tucson Police Department, Pima County Adult Probation, and Pima County Attorney's Office.

It is a well-known fact that most convicted sex offenders are recidivists and, therefore, continually present a threat to the children of communities into which they are released. As law enforcement increases its efforts to protect our children from predators on the Internet, it is crucial that limited, valuable resources are not wasted by duplicating work, targeting the same offenders, or targeting each other. The SAFE Team, with the backing of a Crimes Against Children working group as well as the FBI's Innocent Images National Initiative, coordinates such efforts and facilitates law enforcement efforts to combat online child sexual exploitation.

Nominated by: Sonia Pesqueira, Sergeant, Pima County Sheriff's Department

The Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team is comprised of experienced investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Tucson Police Department, Pima County Adult Probation, the U.S. Custom's Service, and the Pima County Attorney's Office. Their mission is to investigate all violations of federal and state law involving crimes against children, with an emphasis on the sexual exploitation of children, child sexual assaults, and child abduction or luring. The SAFE Team is also available to assist other non-member agencies with cases involving child sexual abuse or exploitation.

With their multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional approach, SAFE Team members have successfully investigated over fifteen child sexual exploitation cases, with seven local arrests and seven additional arrests in the jurisdiction in which the case information was disseminated. The SAFE Team has also developed child pornography cases in Germany, Sweden, Great Britain, Ukraine, Romania, Canada, and Australia.

Southern Arizona Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team (continued)

Members

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Steven M. Martinez, Supervisory Special Agent Robin M. Andrews, Special Agent John N. Lewis, Special Agent Robert B Pfannkuch, Special Agent Christopher L. Pahl, Special Agent

Pima County Sheriff's Department

Sonia Pesqueria, Sergeant Jefford L. Englander, Detective Jeffrey L. Palmer, Detective

Tucson Police Department

Ronald Zimerling, Sergeant Phillip M. Uhall, Detective Richmond E. Holley III, Detective

Pima County Attorney's Office

Kathleen Mayer, Supervising Attorney John L. Taylor, Investigator

Pima County Adult Probation

Beth Shy, Supervisor Louie E. Lowery Jr., Adult Probation Agent

U.S. Customs Phoenix Financial Task Force

Nominated by: J. Spencer, Lieutenant, Arizona Department of Public Safety

The U.S. Customs Phoenix Financial Task Force (PFTF) is responsible for dismantling, what has become to be known as one of the largest money laundering fraud PONZI schemes based out of the state of Arizona. The scheme directly bilked 450 investors out of forty-five million dollars in various assets. This investigation began in Arizona, in March of 1999, and grew to national proportions, spanning into foreign jurisdictions. The investigation identified that the primary suspects enticed victims to invest funds, utilizing unheard of rates of return on their principal. The cross section of victims ranged from single mothers, young parents, professionals, and retired individuals. Many of whom gave or converted their life savings, including sound IRA's for the opportunity to earn incredible yields. The suspects would collect a minimum of \$100,000.00 per investor or group of investors which would then be transferred to an off shore account to provide the elusion the money was being invested in Europe. The funds would be "parked" for a certain period of time, at which they would be moved back into the personal funds of the primary suspects. Then funds would then be converted into personal assets or transferred into personal trust funds created off shore for the sole purpose of concealing them from law enforcement. The conspiracy utilized a core group of attorneys who responsibility was to either create off shore trust to hide the funds, or to facilitate the transfer of funds. To date the investigation has identified and seized \$9,248,300.30 in US currency, \$15,540,800.00 in real estate, \$1,165,095.00 in vehicles, boats, aircraft, gems and gold. The primary suspect has been indicted on 37 counts of fraud, his associate that was responsible for transferring funds off shore, has agreed to a plea bargain with jail time. He will also assist agents in further identifying assets in off shore accounts.

Members

U.S. Customs Service

John A. Turner, Task Force Commander Charles S. Allaire, Group Supervisor Kaye White, Special Agent Thomas McCaffery, Special Agent James Gartin, Group Supervisor Judy Coulter, Senior Special Agent Carlos S. Salazar, Senior Special Agent Tracy Ingegneri, Investigative Assistant Lois Gaylord, Investigative Assistant

Arizona Department of Public Safety

David H. Wright, Sergeant
Daniel Ortiz, Officer
Randal Paulsen, Officer
Tod Kleinman, Officer
Charles Herrera, Officer
H. Ernie Renfro, Officer
S. Lee Atwood, Special Agent, Retired

Arizona Attorney General's Office

Steven Rosenthal, Special Agent Janice Hennessey, Special Agent **Arizona ACC**David Adams, Investigator

Arizona Air National Guard Charles Zellers, Staff Sergeant

Arizona Army National GuardPaul Smith, Staff Sergeant

Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force

Nominated by: Mikel Longman, Lieutenant, Arizona Department of Public Safety

The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force has demonstrated how aggressive proactive enforcement, enhancement of public awareness, training of law enforcement personnel and strong cooperative efforts can have a significant and positive impact on the reduction of vehicle theft. From 1997 through 1999, the vehicle theft rate in Arizona has shown a steady decrease. With the arrests and convictions during 1999 we expect to see an even greater decrease in the number of vehicle thefts for the year 2000. It is indisputable that the efforts of the task force are the major force behind this decline.

The members of the task force should be commended for their dedication and exceptional performance in combating the vehicle theft problem within the state of Arizona. In performance of the mission the task force members maintain the highest level of professionalism and excellence while representing the unit, their respective agencies and the state of Arizona.

Members

Arizona Department of Public Safety

Bob Bowers, Detective Bob Butler. Detective Burley Copeland, Sergeant Dan Cordova, Detective Ramon Figueroa, Sergeant Jose Fimbres, Detective Tim Griffith, Detective Mark Hoerrmann, Detective Mikel Longman, Lieutenant Al Martinez, Detective Dale Mace. Detective Kris Matthews, Detective Dennis McNulty, Detective Ralph Salcido, Detective Dave Sanchez, Detective Janet Shill, Administrative Assistant Gloria Sparling, Intelligence Analyst Terry Starner, Sergeant Nancy Temporado, Secretary Manny Valenzuela, Detective Bill Whitlow, Detective

Arizona Department of Insurance

Chuck Wright, Sergeant

Scott Owen, Investigator

Chandler Police Department

Travis Feyen, Detective

Cochise County Sheriff's Department

George Hoke, Detective

Motor Vehicle Division

John DeSanti, Investigator Charlie Knapp, Investigator

Glendale Police Department

Ken Begeman, Detective Dawn Gallagher, Detective

Marana Police Department

Jerry Pipes, Detective Larry Ybarra, Detective

Mesa Police Department

Curtis Adams, Detective

National Insurance Crime Bureau

Bob Owens, Investigator

Peoria Police Department

Jim Hopson, Detective

Phoenix Police Department

Brian Holmer, Detective Jim Lister, Detective Craig Mason, Detective Frank Morris, Detective

Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (continued)

Dave Rice, Detective

Pima County Sheriff's Office

Larry Graham, Detective

Scottsdale Police Department

Bruce Ciolli, Detective Mark Wagner, Detective **Tempe Police Department**

Joe Brosius, Sergeant

Tucson Police Department

Mikeal Allen, Sergeant William Bradway, Detective Gary Okray, Sergeant Mike Strong, Detective

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Dan Winslow, Detective

Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Cannon Ball, Detective

Operation Tenay Task Force Phoenix FBI - Phoenix Police Department OCDETF Heroin Trafficking Investigation

Nominated by: Gilbert Orrantia, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Operation Tenay Task force is comprised of a team of Phoenix Police Department Detectives, Officers and Phoenix FBI Agents. It was formed during the spring of 1999 to investigate a major Mexican heroin drug trafficking organization based in Phoenix. The majority of the Tenay drug organization members were from the area of Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico. Organizational cells were found to be operating in Western states including Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Utah and Hawaii. Undercover Agents and Officers were used to penetrate a segment of the group and later a Title III wiretap was initiated on subject telephone lines which lasted 4½ months. It is estimated that this organization was responsible for smuggling approximately three to five kilograms of heroin per week into the United States.

During September of 1999, eleven searches and numerous arrests were conducted in Phoenix. A total of forty subjects were arrested. Seventeen vehicles, twenty-five weapons and \$258,133.00 in cash were seized. This investigation resulted in the seizure of 7.4 kilos of heroin valued at approximately \$600,000.00. Prosecution is pending regarding those arrested. The Operation Tenay case has been described as the largest heroin investigation in Phoenix history.

Members

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Gary J. Woodling, Special Agent (Retired)
F. M. Donner, Special Agent
Sonia F. Russell, Special Agent
Todd H. Warner, Special Agent
Maria R. Savage, Special Agent

Phoenix Police Department

Oscar Castillo, Detective (Retired)
David Toledo, Detective
James W. Gibbs, Detective

Phoenix Police Department Squaw Peak Precinct

Daniel D. Valadez, Community Action Officer

DEA State and Local Task Force Tucson District Office

Nominated by: James A. Woolley, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DEA/Tucson

In 2000 the Tucson State and Local Task Force of the Drug Enforcement Administration aggressively investigated violent narcotics traffickers involved in the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine. In the course of doing so they dismantled numerous distribution groups to include two significant organizations. These two organizations were responsible for the manufacture and distribution of multiple pounds of methamphetamine. One of the organizations had strong ties to Aryan Brotherhood and was involved in armed home invasion robberies as well as the commission of violent hate crimes to include murder. The success of the Task Force in combating these groups led to a significant reduction in the availability of large quantities of methamphetamine in several Tucson neighborhoods. By the close of the 2000 fiscal year the Task Force had successfully arrested and prosecuted over one hundred and sixty individuals.

Members

Drug Enforcement Administration

F. Dante Sorianello, Group Supervisor Steven Parinello, Special Agent Robert Manning Jr., Special Agent Tracy Donahue, Special Agent Donald P. Garrett, Special Agent Alfred Tanner, Special Agent Karen Ferlin, Group Assistant

Tucson Police Department Nicholas Giacobbe, Detective

Pima County Sheriff's Office Jessie Faircloth, Detective

Arizona Department of Public Safety Joseph Lopez, Detective

Oro Valley Police Department Michael McBride, Officer

South Tucson Police DepartmentJames Vildusea, Detective

U.S. Border Patrol
Hector Encinas, Special Agent

DEA/DPS Operation Pipeline Investigation Task Force

Nominated by: Thomas W. Raffanello, Special Agent in Charge, DEA

During the past year, the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation's Division committed seven detectives and one Sergeant to the Drug Enforcement Administration's Phoenix Division. These eight DPS detectives have joined forces with two full time DEA agents, an Army National Guard Intelligence Analyst, and a DEA Group Supervisor, to form Arizona's first State and Federal drug interdiction investigation task force.

During this past year this task force has assisted the Arizona Highway Patrol and other local agencies investigate over fifty-two highway seizures throughout the State of Arizona. These investigations have resulted in seventy-two arrests. Of the fifty-two investigations, nineteen resulted in controlled deliveries to the Midwest and East Coast where forty additional individuals were arrested. These highway interdiction investigations and controlled deliveries have resulted in seizures totaling 10,727 lbs. of marijuana, 76.5 lbs., of methamphetamine, 186.5 lbs. of cocaine and \$1,898,000.00 in cash and related assets. The recipients of this award are being recognized for their foresight and commitment to cooperative law enforcement between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in the State of Arizona.

Members

Arizona Department Of Public Safety

Norm Beasley, Assistant Director
Bobby Halliday, Commander
Jerry Spencer, Lieutenant
Robert Holley, Sergeant
David Schroder, Detective
Ken Nelson, Detective
Jeff White, Detective
Brian Marston, Detective
Paul Forch, Detective
Ed Sharpenstein, Detective
Sean Armentrout, Detective

Drug Enforcement Administration

John Albano, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Douglas W. Hebert, Group Supervisor Kenny Pulce, Special Agent Sean Fitzpatrick, Special Agent Roberta Cartwright, Group Assistant

Army National GuardApril Morton, Staff Sergeant

LECC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

James Piña

Commander Phoenix Police Department

Nominated by: Guadalupe Gonzales, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Commander James Piña is being awarded the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Individual Award for his continuous leadership in the arena of effective law enforcement in Arizona. His efforts as tactical commander of the Phoenix Division of the FBI's Fugitive Task Force are unprecedented. During his tenure, the FTF, which included the Phoenix Police Department, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Corrections, as well as the FBI, was directly responsible for arresting or locating more than 800 violent fugitives. Commander Piña has also been instrumental in organizing and directing the initiation of the REDRUM Task Force sponsored by the Phoenix Police Department, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Drug Enforcement Agency, whose sole purpose is the investigation of gang and drug-related homicides. Commander Piña's continuous leadership in support of effective law enforcement and interagency teamwork within the State of Arizona, clearly represents the cooperative spirit this award was designed to recognize.

Oscar Castillo

Detective (Retired) Phoenix Police Department

Operation Tenay OCDETF Heroin Trafficking Investigation FBI Phoenix - Phoenix Police Department

Nominated by: Gilbert Orrantia, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Detective Oscar Castillo of the Phoenix Police Department was the pivotal member of an investigative team made up of FBI Agents and Detectives and Officers of the Phoenix Police Department. This task force was involved in the investigation of a major Phoenix based heroin drug trafficking organization which resulted in the arrests of 40 individuals and the seizure of 7.4 kilos of heroin and \$258,133.00 cash.

Detective Castillo utilized his vast experience as a drug investigator and his Spanish language ability to coordinate the wiretap phase of this case. He skillfully took information and made timely case decisions which resulted in the seizure of various loads of heroin and other drugs. His efforts directly led to the positive results of this investigation. He compiled and organized wiretap evidence as it revealed itself. His thorough preparation has allowed for the smooth and successful prosecution of subjects. During the wiretap phase of the case, Detective Castillo tirelessly worked a full shift each and every day of the investigation never taking a day off during the 4½ month wiretap.

Detective Castillo's outstanding interpersonal skills coupled with his vast investigative knowledge were the reasons for investigative success. His willingness to serve as a case coordinator and at the same time work as a team player were remarkable. Without the tireless work ethic of Detective Castillo and his outstanding overall contribution, this investigation could not have achieved its goals.



Honorable Mention

INDIVIDUALS

Emmett Sturgill, Sergeant Department of Public Safety

Clyde J. Benzenhoefer Patrol Agent In Charge United States Border Patrol

Mark Yoshimura, Sergeant Phoenix Police Department

Southern Arizona DUI Task Force

The core agencies are:

Pima County Sheriff's Department Tucson Police Department Department of Public Safety

However, officers from the following law enforcement agencies have participated in the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force:

Members

Pima County Sheriff's Department
Tucson Police Department
Marana Police Department
Nogales Police Department
Tohono O'odham Police Dept.
Pima County Park Rangers
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department
Sahuarita Police Department

Arizona Department of Public Safety
Oro Valley Police Department
South Tucson Police Department
Pima Community College Police Department
University of Arizona Police Department
Tucson Airport Authority Police Department
Arizona Game and Fish Department
U.S. National Parks Service

Southern Arizona Border Initiative (SABI)

Members

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Oro Valley Police Department

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